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Subject: rezoning RZ001634 & DVPO02274 / 45835 Spadina Ave, Hearing Nov 21 [EXTERNAL]

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Please find attached a letter of support for the application, which also contains some concerns regarding parking in the area.

The letter is submitted on behalf of the Chilliwack Museum and Historical Society, however if clarification is required please contact me.

Thank you,

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Mayor and Council, City of Chilliwack

Re: Rezoning RZ001634 and Development Permit DVP02274, 45835 Spadina Avenue.

The Chilliwack Museum and Historical Society (CMHS) is proud to provide programming from the iconic City Hall building at 45820 Spadina Avenue as well as from the Archives at Evergreen Hall. Our Spadina Avenue location is directly across the street from the applicant project.

We are writing in support of the redevelopment of property at 45835 Spadina Avenue, a partnership project between Cheam View United Church and Mamele'awt Qweesome Housing Society as outlined in the Staff report and look forward to welcoming new neighbours. The addition of 64 residential units as well as the continuation of community outreach activities in the "club/lodge" area is of critical importance to our community. Redeveloping a site in any downtown area comes with many challenges. We acknowledge the plan requires several variances to make it work at this location and commend those who brought solutions to the table.

The parking supply review done by Bunt & Assoc. supports a reduction of off-street parking stalls based on the proposed usages of the new building as well as the current usage of neighboring buildings. The review may have noted, and we wish to stress, the City owned heritage building programmed by the CMHS does not have dedicated off-street parking. All visitors, volunteers and staff attending the building rely on street parking. Venue rentals, as well as events hosted by the Society, can result in the attendance of 100+ guests at this site. The transit exchange at Spadina Avenue and Yale Road, while well used, reduces the number of parking spaces for private vehicles in the area. Any routine use of on-street parking generated by the applicant project will be a challenge for activities at the Museum as well as surrounding businesses.

The Chilliwack City Hall / Museum structure, built in 1912, is a designated national historic site and has been well cared for by the City of Chilliwack. In order to safeguard its well being, we would ask your Facilities Department confer with our Executive Director Shawna Maurice regarding issues that may affect either the structure or contents of the building during the demolition and construction periods at the church site, and that appropriate mitigation measures be considered.

We wish the parties success in their new project and congratulate them on their innovative partnership.

Pat Clark, President

Chilliwack Museum and Historical Society